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Muskegon Heights receives \$2 million for property development

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LANSING—Muskegon Heights has received \$2 million in grants and loans to assist in environmental cleanup and property development at the site of the city's former wastewater treatment plant.

The city will receive money from two Department of Environmental Quality programs: \$1 million in a Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and \$1 million from the Revitalization Revolving Loan program. The funds are expected to facilitate up to \$19 million in private investment.

"This is great news for Muskegon Heights," said state Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores. "This project will help spur the local economy by bringing new jobs and quality housing to the community."

The money will be used to clean the site of the former wastewater treatment plant in preparation for housing construction. Contaminated soil will be removed and the plant's concrete tanks will be demolished. Over the next five to six years up to 95 homes will be built at the site.

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